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Amend the bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

Sec. 1. 20-A MRSA §15689, sub-§1, ¶B, as affected by PL 2005, c. 12, Pt. WW, §18 and amended by c. 457, Pt. I, §1, is further amended to read:

B. The school administrative unit's special education costs as calculated pursuant to section 15681-A, subsection 2 multiplied by the following transition percentages:

- (1) In fiscal year 2005-06, 84%;
- (2) In fiscal year 2006-07, 84%;
- (3) In fiscal year 2007-08, 95%; and
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- (4) In fiscal year 2008-09 and succeeding years, ~~100%~~50%.

SUMMARY

This amendment is the majority report of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. The amendment strikes and replaces the concept draft to reduce the percentage of special education costs that may be allocated to a school administrative unit that is determined to be a so-called "minimum receiver" of state subsidy under the Essential Programs and Services Funding Act.

Current law provides that, beginning in fiscal year 2008-09 and succeeding years, a school administrative unit that is a so-called "minimum receiver" of state subsidy is guaranteed a minimum of 5% of the school administrative unit's total allocation or 100% of the school administrative unit's special education costs, whichever amount is greater. The amendment provides that, beginning in fiscal year 2008-09 and succeeding years, the percentage of special education costs that may be allocated to a school administrative unit that is determined to be a so-called "minimum receiver" of state subsidy is 50%.